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To, Shri Rajiv Jalota – IAS Director General of Shipping Directorate General of Shipping Beta Building, 9th Floor I-Think Campus Kanjurmarg (East) Mumbai 400042.

Subject:

Request for reconsideration of Suspension Order of RPS

Licence of M/s. Anglo Eastern Ship Management (India)

Pvt. Ltd.

Respected Sir,

We are writing to you on behalf of the 20000 Indian Seafarers and their families who are associated with M/s. Anglo Eastern Ship Management (India) Pvt Ltd, which is one of the leading ship management companies in the world.

We are deeply saddened and shocked by the suspension order of the RPS Licence of M/s. Anglo Eastern Ship Management (India) Pvt Ltd for three years, issued by the Seamen's Employment Office on 31 May 2023, following an enquiry into the unfortunate death of Late Shri Sanjay Chaudhary, Chief Engineer on board M.T. Atlantic Olive on 17 April 2018.

We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of Late Shri Sanjay Chaudhary and pray for his soul to rest in peace. We also respect the authority and decision of the Directorate General of Shipping and the Seamen's Employment Office in conducting a fair and thorough investigation into the incident.

M/s. Anglo Eastern Ship Management (India) Pvt. Ltd. is one of the leading RPS company in India and has maintained high standards of safety, quality and professionalism in its operations and services.

However, due to the suspension order of the RPS License of M/s. Anglo Eastern Ship Management (India) Pvt. Ltd., certain concerns are raised, which need due consideration, particularly in respect of the following, viz.:

- i) As the said Suspension Order does not give clarity towards the impact on the normal and regular crew change/s of the Seafarers, in view of the said Suspension Order:
- ii) Further, the implication of the suspension on the sign-off of seafarers who are on board, as well as on the seafarers who are on leave and



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due to join after completion of the leave period which will now get over after passing of the Suspension Order:

- iii) Procedure to be followed in attending, providing and/or giving medical treatment to all the Seafarers who are on board, or who are required to be signed off for medical treatment.
- iv) Procedure to be opted for Shore Leave by the Seafarers at Indian Ports as well as in Foreign Ports.

In all these situations MUI involvement would be essential.

Further, the suspension is majorly going to affect the working and welfare of the seafarers who are on board, and who may be facing various concerns, for which involvement of MUI would be necessary and essential, in order to protect the safety, security and/or welfare of the seafarers. Therefore, it has created uncertainty about the role of MUI to attend to and address all such issues.

With great respect, it is notified to you that the suspension of the RPSLicense, may affect the image of the Indias' RPSL holders, and further, would have a huge negative impact on the working of the same in India as well as worldwide.

In view of the aforesaid and also as MUI being one of the Largest Seafarers Officers Union, it is our duty to notify you the aforesaid points, in order to ensure assistance, support and secure the welfare of Indian Seafarers.

We hope that you will appreciate our concerns and grievances and review the Suspension Order and revoke it at the earliest, as it will have a devastating impact on 20000 Indian seafarers and their families who depend on M/s.Anglo Eastern Ship Management (India) Pvt. Ltd. for their livelihood and career.

We assure you of our utmost respect and cooperation in this matter.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Capt. Tushar Pradhan General Secretary